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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, FR
SUBJ: US-FRENCH MOU ON ARMAMENTS COOPERATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GENERAL MARTRE TOLD DCM THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS APPROVED SIGNATURE OF THE MOU. MARTRE SUGGESTED THAT, IF THE US IS READY, THE MOU BE SIGNED DURING THE NOVEMBER 18-22 VISIT BY MINISTER BOURGES TO WASHINGTON. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF THE MOU SO THAT IT CAN BE SIGNED BY SECRETARY BROWN AND MINISTER BOURGES DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING OCTOBER 20 CALL ON GENERAL JEAN-FRANCOIS MARTRE, DELEGE GENERAL POUR L'ARMAMENT, THE DCM ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE DRAFT MOU. MARTRE RESPONDED THAT FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF DR. PERRY (DDR&E), DEFENSE MINISTER BOURGES HAD REQUESTED APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FROM PRESIDENT GISCARD TO SIGN THE MOU. THE PRESIDENT
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HAS NOW GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT.

3. MARTRE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT DOD IS NOW SEEKING THE DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT TO CERTAIN MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF THE DRAFT TEXT. MARTRE PROPOSED THAT IF STATE AND DOD CAN RESOLVE WHATEVER REMAINING MODIFICATIONS EXIST ON THE US SIDE, MINISTER BOURGES WILL

BE PREPARED TO SIGN THE MOU DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. MARTRE REQUESTED THE DCM TO QUERY WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE IF THE US SIDE WILL BE READY TO SIGN THE MOU DURING THE BOURGES VISIT.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT IF POSSIBLE, SIGNATURE OF THE MOU DURING THE BOURGES VISIT WOULD SERVE BOTH AS A SYMBOLIC AND SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE OF CLOSER US-FRENCH COOPERATION ON ARMAMENT. SINCE GISCARD HAS APPROVED SIGNATURE AND THERE SEEM TO BE NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES OUTSTANDING, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT STATE AND DOD COMPLETE PROCESSING OF THE MOU SO THAT IT CAN BE SIGNED DURING THE BOURGES VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE US REACTION SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE MARTRE AND BOURGES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON VISIT.
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